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TO: Legislative Council

FROM: Wisconsin Liquid Waste Carriers Association

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RE: Study committee

The Wisconsin Liquid Waste Carriers Association supports the following items addressed by the Legislative Council's Special Study Committee on Septage Disposal. The association encourages the committee to incorporate these priorities in any legislation that is proposed.

1. **Landspreading:** The WLWCA supports the use of landspreading as the first means of disposal. This replenishes the aquifer and is in keeping with the environmentally friendly goal of recycling.
2. **Fees:**
  - a. The WLWCA supports the consolidation and reallocation of current fees (i.e. assessed by the county, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Commerce) rather than assessing new fees.
  - b. If additional fees are necessary, the WLWCA supports assessing local property taxes to support the creation of a statewide uniform POWTS tracking system.
3. **Septage enforcement:** The WLWCA opposes moving enforcement of environmental violations to the Department of Justice for the following reasons:
  - a. It would increase the cost to small business owners by forcing them to travel to either Madison or Milwaukee to contest violations.
  - b. The local DNR wardens and district attorneys should more strictly enforce current laws and limit the use of plea bargains in dealing with severe violations.

4. **Streamlining:** The WLWCA supports streamlining of government agencies dealing with septage disposal. The WLWCA would like to see uniform reporting requirements for the Department of Commerce, Department of Natural Resources and counties.
5. **Incentives:** The WLWCA supports the use of financial incentives for private entities to build and operate their own septage treatment and/or storage systems.
6. **Public utilities:** The WLWCA is opposed to allowing public utilities to maintain septic systems.
  - a. A public utility is a state-sanctioned monopoly that would unfairly compete against small businesses.